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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ANTI-NUCLEAR TELEVISION FILM

1. ERDA/BRUSSELS INFORMED THAT BELGIAN/FLEMISH TV TO BROADCAST US TV PROGRAM AT 9:00 P.M. ON APRIL 8, ENTITLED "THE PLUTONIUM CONNECTION." BY REQUEST OF BELGIUM STATION A SCIENTIST FROM THE BELGIUM NUCLEAR CENTER AT MOL WILL PROVIDE COMMENTS AT A BREAK MIDWAY AND AGAIN AFTER ITS COMPLETION.

2. SENIOR ERDA REPRESENTATIVE IN BRUSSELS MET WITH THE MOL SCIENTIST AND DISCUSSED IN GENERAL TERMS POSSIBLE REBUTTAL TO SOME OF THE ANTI-NUCLEAR ISSUES BASED ON MARCH 6 ISSUE OF NUCLEONICS WEEK AND OTHER NEWSPAPER ACCOUNTS OF US REACTION TO THE PROGRAM WHEN IT WAS SHOWN ON MARCH 9 UNDER THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SPONSORSHIP OF WBGH TV IN BOSTON.

3. FOR INFORMATION EUROPEAN ADDRESSEE POSTS THIS TV PROGRAM HAS SCENARIO OF 20- YEAR OLD UNIVERSITY STUDENT WITH NO BACKGROUND IN NUCLEAR SCIENCE BEING ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY DESIGN A NUCLEAR WEAPON USING PLUTONIUM. PROGRAM THEN FOCUSES IN WEAKNESSES IN PHYSICAL SECURITY AND SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM WHICH WOULD PERMIT DIVERSION OR THEFT TO PLUTONIUM FOR USE IN A WEAPON. ACCORDING TO NUCLEONICS WEEK, A MCGRAW HILL PUBLICATION, THE FILM PRODUCER EDITED CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY SPECIALISTS INTERVIEWED IN THE US FOR THE PROGRAM TO EMPHASIZE THE SIMPLICITY OF OBTAINING PLUTONIUM AND MAKING A BOMB.

COMMENT: THERE WAS APPARENTLY GROSS OVERSIMPLICATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNICAL RESOURCES REQUIRED TO COVER THE STEPS BETWEEN OBTAINING THE PLUTONIUM AND PREPARING A WEAPON ACCORDING TO THE DESIGN. ALSO THE ABSENCE TODAY OF ANY COMMERCIAL CHEMICAL REPROCESSING FACILITY FOR SEPARATING PLUTONIUM FORM POWER REACTOR FUEL WAS IGNORED.

4. THE MOL SCIENTIST STATED THE BELGIAN TV STATION HAD ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED ITS SHOWING ON MARCH 16, BUT HAD ADVANCED THE DATE TO AVOID BEING SCOOPED BY OTHERS PLANNING TO USE THE FILM IN EUROPE.  
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